

St. John Newsletter

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Editorial

Well what fine weather we have been having! Although, I suppose one man's fine weather is another man's drought – thinking particularly of the farmers whose crops have failed!

We start below with details of the church's 'Soup and Pud' lunch on Saturday and the 100 club winners. Page two is the notice board, with its various entertainments and events, and page three documents Chris Morris's achievements with the Community Fund awards and planned parking provision as well as 'fixes' for the acoustic issues in the annexe. Page four gives you all you need to know about the 're-launch' of the History group and page five has information on Berylyn's initiative for a Tai Chi exercise group in the Village Hall.



I feel sure that a lot of us will welcome taking up Tai Chi, I know I will be enrolling! Good on you Berylyn! Also, is it really a year since Panache moved from Kingsand to Antony? (Discounts to be had!)

On page 6, as well as the usual changes to the snooker (although no change to the highest breaks for months!), a thought provoking and contemplative 'six little stories' to reflect upon plus news of Sue Richards' walkers resuming their adventures after the summer break.

Hopefully, this month's news of upcoming local events will provide some counterpoint to the rather bleak future predicted to be coming our way...

Chin up till next time,
Dave.

St John Church

SATURDAY 3RD SEPT

SOUP FOR LUNCH

+ PUD

£8

**ST JOHN CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO THE
VILLAGE HALL FROM
MIDDAY**

100 Club Winners:-

For August are-	
Christian Ferris£20
Jake Mills£5
Carol Ball£5

The numbers were drawn by members of Wednesday's coffee morning.

Ray.



St John Village Hall

Dates for your diary

Saturday September 3rd

St John Church 'Soup & Pudding Lunch'

Saturday September 24th

St John Village Hall Autumn Harvest BBQ

Monday September 26th

Local History Group

Every 4th Monday 7.30pm

Friday October 14th

Annual Quiz

Saturday December 10th

Christmas Wine Evening

Saturday January 28th

Gordon Carter (saxophonist)

More events in the pipeline
Skittles / Gin Tasting / Murder Mystery
Bingo / Beetle Drive

New Ideas and Faces Always Welcome



ST JOHN VILLAGE HALL

Autumn Harvest BBQ

Saturday 24th September from 6.30pm
with entertainment by

MODS UNPLUGGED



£12.50 Adults / £5 Children under 10 (under 5's free)

This is a BYO event with a selection of BBQ food with
assorted salads and a dessert.

Last date to book tickets is Tuesday 20th September
Please contact Janet Mitchell on 07837145952

THE NEXT SUNDAY BOULE
will be on
18th SEPTEMBER



Everyone welcome

£1 members £2 non-members

Refreshments as usual
Look forward to seeing you

"FILM FANS"

SCREENING AT

THE COMMUNITY HALL
KINGSAND

Film Club Monday September 5th

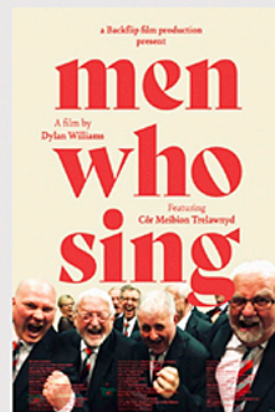
Kingsand Community Hall 7 for 7.30 pm

Tickets £3 at the door

Bring your own drinks and glasses etc

Tel 01752 822132/822967

Our first screening is "Men who Sing" on Monday September 5th



"This humorous and melancholic portrait of a male voice choir begins when the
filmmakers' father, widower Ed, 90, sells the family home and arranges his own funeral.
His only remaining solace is Tuesday night practice, but with an average age of 74 and
suffering a haemorrhaging of the bass section his beloved choir is facing a crisis of its own.
They must act or face extinction. So the hunt begins to find 'brown haired men' in their 40s
and 50s who can take the choir forward. As their search intensifies, we come closer to
them."



The National Lottery Community Fund (Awards For All) grant items have now all been delivered and installed.

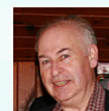
The wooden all-weather outdoor furniture has been in situ for a few weeks and appears to be being well used. The grass reinforcement mesh rolls have also now been installed by a highly skilled and trained group of parishioners, and thankfully there was no enforcement of the child labour laws (!). My thanks to those involved.



Finally there was a slight underspend on the grant and the National Lottery Community Fund has kindly allowed its allocation towards resolving the new annexe's acoustic issues. I have thanked the National Lottery Community Fund for their most generous support.

Chris.





Regular Village Hall events for clubs and user groups will take place in September, as advertised on the Village Hall section of the St John in Cornwall Parish web site.

New Activity

In response to local demand Bob Keys will trial run for the coming year a new Group: the St John-in-Cornwall History Group.

This will meet at 7-30 pm, on the fourth Monday of each month, starting 26th September! We will begin with some informal Talks, with occasional Workshops and Discussions and perhaps an occasional ramble to Historic Hostelrys too! Once 'up and running' we will try and cover any historical topics of interest to members. Starting with a series of Talks on early local History, sponsored by work done for the Institute of Cornish Studies

(See the attached draft programme)

There is already a section for St John History at <stjohnincornwall.org.uk> web site under the Community heading, which contains material on St John in World War One, thanks to Dell Richards and we hope to be able to use this and add material as we go along.

Reminder:

The Home page of St John in Cornwall parish council website has a Calendar/Diary and the most up-to-date information on all regular Hall Events and Bookings, as well as our Facebook link. It also has its own section dedicated to regular User Groups and the facilities available. The Hall is fully available for future bookings by anyone considering a venue for a private function or public event.

Contact

EmmaTanner:emmatanner02@gmail.com
for advice on Hiring.

St John in Cornwall History Group

The local history workshops are intended to be much more 'modern' than the programme of Talks below and focus on members own interests, hopefully developing projects, involving interviews, film and photos, even personal stories and memories, which can be suitably edited and eventually perhaps published on-line.

We are starting with a series of more formal and traditional Talks for those who might just want to sit, listen and socialise through the winter months. The Talks will be about the origins of the earliest communities around Wivelshire, the old name for the area, in memory of the celebrated contribution of Professor W G Hoskins to Landscape History, reflected in his original Talk to the old Millbrook Local History Group in the 1960s, (This survives in the Torpoint Local Archive.) If the programme is too ambitious, we may deliver the June and July talks in September/October 2023, people may be too exhausted by the end of May!

Some Light on the Dark Age in Kernow
(Hopefully?): How we became Cornish!

The first thousand years

Fourth Monday of each month at 7-30 pm
in the Village Hall

We want to avoid any clashes with the Rame History Group and Kingsand Film nights on the first and second Mondays of each month.

Charge of £1 per village hall member or £2 per visitor - All proceeds to go to Village Hall Fund

1. Who were the Cerneu? Pagan Celts on Rame; 26th Sept
2. Magor: Dumnonia and the Romano-Britons; 24th Oct
3. Celtic Christianity: St Germanus and old Lanaleed; 28th Nov
4. Christmas Break
5. King Gereint's Gift to St Aldhelm: from Magor to Macuir; 23rd Jan
6. Wivelshire: Cornu-Saxon thanes and the house of Ordgar; 27th Feb
7. Freathy: What's in a name? 27th March
8. Britons, Bretons and others: Cornwall and the other Cornuaille; 24th April
9. Lord and Peasant: Wivelshire parishes and the manorial system; 22nd May
10. Slavery and serfdom on manors in medieval Cornwall; 26th June
11. Domesday for all in Wivelshire: The Normans (& Bretons) strike back! 3rd July

Bob.



Tai Chi

We have the opportunity for a Tai Chi Master to hold classes for all ages and abilities in the Village Hall. To gauge interest he has kindly offered two sessions free of charge (apart from someone baking a home made cake – any offers??). If anyone is interested in taking part in Tai Chi lessons please let me know asap which days of the week would be good for you together with preferred times, ie. Afternoon, evening, Saturday/Sunday. He works in the morning and is happy to do afternoons, evenings, and weekends. He is a full Martial Arts instructor who lost his business in the North over Covid and having moved back to Cornwall is keen to get started again – and he likes a good laugh! It would be good to get some exercise going in the hall – so let me know if you'd like to join in.



I will put a notice up in the village hall so people can express their interest and availability, alternatively please just send me an email: blm48@live.co.uk.

Best wishes
Beryllyn

Panache Gallery - Antony

We are approaching the first anniversary of the Panache Gallery's relocation from Kingsand to Antony.

In celebration we are offering local residents of St John and Antony a 10 percent discount on jewellery and pictures in September 2022 (between 1.9.22 and 30.9.22)

Why not pop in and do a spot of retail therapy? Just quote Local10 at the till. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards.

Jan and Mike Ferguson





Six little stories with lots of meanings

1. Once all villagers had decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. *That is faith.*
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. *That is trust.*
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. *That is hope.*
4. We plan things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. *That is confidence.*
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. *That is love.*
6. On an old mans shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience'. *That is attitude.*

*Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.
Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life,
difficult to find and impossible to replace!!*

St John Walkers

Hi everyone,

Our next walk on Tuesday 13th September will be led by John McCulloch meeting outside the Village Hall at 9.30am as usual.

We will drive to Saltash, park near St Stephens Church and walk in the Antony Passage area.

Hope to see you there.

Regards

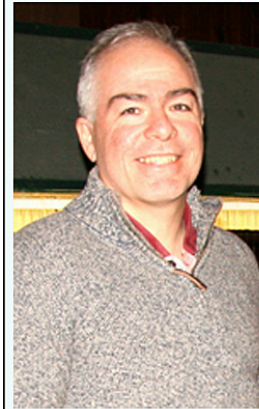
Sue



I weigh myself once a week with my cat in my arms. It leaves some doubt about which one of us has got fatter.



Ladder



Highest Break

David Greenhalgh	30
Steve Wick	25
Pete Debono	22
Chris Trevitt	22
Richard Dolton	18

Chris Trevitt
David Greenhalgh
Pete Debono
Steve Wick
Chris Morris
Del Richards
Brian Bird
John Tanner
Richard Dolton
Chris Huke
Paul Tanner
Ray Salter
Bob Keys
Howard Everard



and finally.....

Karl Marx is an historically famous philosopher but no one ever mentions his sister, Onya, the inventor of the starting pistol...